Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 14 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 15 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 13 Apr 2023 at 17:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high confidence throughout the forecast, But low for northern extent of rain and snow Friday morning. Moderate for extent and intensity of afternoon showers on Friday.

Headline for Friday 14 Apr 2023: Cold and cloudy. Snow showers, heavy with a risk of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 14 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	30%	40%	40%	60%	40%	20%

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Weather: Cloudy through the early hours, mainly dry over Lochaber, but showers or longer spells of rain, snow above 800m, spreading into Arran, Argyll and the Trossachs. This may spread into southern Lochaber in the morning, with northern Lochaber having the best chance of dry conditions. Showers turning heavy and frequent in the afternoon with snow confined to above 900m, but a risk of hail and lightning. Turning dry late evening but remaining mostly cloudy.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in the morning, 50% in the afternoon, best chance in the north.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility outside of low cloud, falling to a few hundred meters or less in heavy snow showers. Cloud bases around 600m in the south, patchier at around 800m in the north during the morning. Cloud bases lifting just above the summits by afternoon, but dropping to 1100m in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/8 S	7/8 S	6/7 SW	6/8 SW	6/9 S	8/12 SW	10/13 S	8/9 S	7/8 SE
900	5/7 S	6/7 S	4/6 SW	4/6 S	4/7 SW	6/9 SW	6/8 S	4/6 SW	4/5 W
600	4/5 E	4/6 SW	4/6 W	4/6 SW	6/9 SW	8/11 SW	8/11 SW	6/7 S	4/5 SE
300	2/4 E	3/5 S	3/4 SE	3/5 SW	5/8 W	5/9 SW	5/8 S	3/5 SE	2/3 SE
Glen	1/4 SE	2/4 SW	2/4 SW	3/5 S	7/10 W	5/8 W	6/10 S	3/6 NW	2/3 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-7	-3/-7	-3/-7	-3/-6	-3/-6	-2/-6	-2/-7	-2/-7	-3/-7
900	-1/-4	-1/-4	-2/-4	-0/-3	1/-2	2/-1	0/-2	0/-2	-1/-3
600	2/0	2/-0	2/-1	2/0	4/1	4/2	3/0	2/0	2/0
300	4/3	4/2	3/2	4/3	6/4	7/5	6/4	5/4	4/3
Glen	5/4	5/4	5/4	7/6	8/7	10/9	8/6	7/6	5/5
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	700m	800m	800m	900m	1000m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gusts locally stronger than in table near heavy showers in the afternoon. Note sub-zero temperatures at height.

Forecast for Saturday 15 Apr 2023
Weather: Dry with patchy cloud through the early hours. Then dry with sunny spells. High cloud increasing late afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Light and variable in the morning. Becoming Southwest then South 10 mph in the afternoon, gusting 20 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with little if any cloud on the hills.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to plus 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000m, rising to 1200m by midday, 1300m late afternoon.

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